

**CITY OF ALGONAC
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
City Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive; Algonac, MI 48001
AS APPROVED 10/28/13**

A regular meeting of the Algonac Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Charles Bayly on Monday, September 16th, 2013. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers, 805 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, Michigan 48001.

Roll Call:

Present: Brian Bayly
Charles Bayly, Chairman
Karen Dunlap
Ken Falke
Robert Lynch
Michael Musto
Toni Tuttle

Absent: Wendy Meldrum
Brian Tideswell

Others: City Manager Alexander
Mayor Irene Bird
SC County Metro Plan. David Struck and Geoffery Donaldson
City Clerk Greenia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Bayly led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed the newest member of the Planning Commission Robert Lynch to the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES

There were no communications and/or notices at this time.

CITIZEN'S TO BE HEARD

The following citizens appeared before the Planning Commission to be heard:

Mr. Mitchell Chmielewski, 609 St. Clair River Drive, addressed the Planning Commission. He is concerned that the Russell Island Property Owner's Association has purchased the four (4) lots next to his house and they are talking about putting a parking lot on those lots eventually. City Manager Alexander assured him that the City is aware of this situation, and when this plan is put into action, there will be site plan review had on this by the Planning Commission and he will be notified so that he can be present at the meeting to discuss his concerns.

No other public comment was heard at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PCO 09-01-13 – Approval of June 24th, 2013 Planning Commission Minutes

Motion by B. Bayly supported by Tuttle to approve the Planning Commission minutes of the June 24th, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Master Plan Review

Mr. Struck began his review by going over the chapters of the Master Plan that the Commission had already received and the one's they did not have yet. He explained that in order to complete some of those he would need input from the Commission to do them properly and in accord with the Commission's wishes.

Mr. David Struck and Mr. Geoffery Donaldson from St. Clair Metro Planning then discussed the future land use plan with the Commission. Mr. Struck covered the city's current land use map and what that indicated for each area of the City. Discussion was had on some changes. Commissioner Musto suggested possibly offering additional multi-family zoned properties. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the possibility of changing the future "placemaking" of Algonac by trying to create a downtown atmosphere. Mr. Struck suggested some ways to attain this and indicated that it seemed to be a concern and/or wish during the visioning session. Discussion was also had on the possibility of moving city hall back to the area by Dr. Bates and making the site where it is located at this time a commercial/business zoned property.

Review was then had of what steps were next in this process. He would need to get the last chapters to the Planning Commission for their review. They would need to meet again to cover the entire Master Plan as one whole document. Planning Commission agreed that they could meet on Monday, October 21st, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and then again on November 4th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Struck said they were still on the timeline in keeping with the grant process for the Master Plan. Mr. Struck reminded everyone that they could visit the website to see the updates on the Chapters to this plan at any time.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Chairperson Charles Bayly opened up the nominations for Chairperson. The following nominations were made:

Nomination by Commission Musto, supported by Commissioner B. Bayly to nominate C. Bayly as Chairperson. No other nominations were made. Chairperson would be Charles Bayly.

Chairperson C. Bayly opened up the nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Nomination by Dunlap, supported by B. Bayly to nominate Toni Tuttle as Vice-Chairman. No other nominations were heard. Toni Tuttle was Vice-Chairperson.

Approval of Meeting Dates for 2013 – 2014

PCO 09-04-13 Approval of 13/14 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates were discussed for the FY 13/14 year and proposed as follows:

November 4th, 2013
 February 3rd, 2014
 May 5th, 2014
 August 4th, 2014

Commission agreed these dates were fine and the City Clerk would publish them in The Voice.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None were heard.

ADJOURNMENT**PCO 09-05-13 Adjournment**

Motion by B. Bayly supported by Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Signed:**Respectfully Submitted:****Charles Bayly, Chairman****Cynthia Greenia, City Clerk**